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E.O.: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CENTO EXERCISES

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1. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED PRINCE SULTAN, SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE ON NOVEMBER 24 IF HIS IRANIAN OR PAKISTANI BROTHERS HAD INFORMED HIM ABOUT THE CURRENT CENTO EXERCISES IN THE WATERS AROUND THE ARABIAN PENINSULA: THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE ARABIAN SEA AND THE PERSIAN GULF. HE SAID THEY HAD NOT.

2. THE AMBASSADOR THEN GAVE HIM A BRIEF OUTLINE OF WHAT WAS BEING DONE, THAT SOME SHIPS WOULD BE COMING INTO THE PERSIAN GULF FOR A FEW DAYS IN ORDER TO SHOW OUR FLAG AND TO SHOW THE RUSSIANS THEY DID NOT HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER ANY PART OF THE AREA.

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3. SULTAN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AND THAT IT WAS NECES-

SARY FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BALANCE THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE AREA. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS EXPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW AS HE HAD REPORTS THAT RUSSIAN SHIPS, OSTENSIBLY CIVILIAN BUT MOST LIKELY MILITARY, WERE SITTING OFF DHOFAR AND GIVING AID AND ASSISTANCE TO THE REBELLION THERE.

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